

Present: First Selectman Nina Daniel; Selectman Chris Spaulding; Selectman Dennis Tracey; Town Administrator Tom Landry; Land Use Director Tracy Kulikowski; Finance Director Rick Darling; Administrative Assistant Randi Derene; residents and members of the press.

This meeting was recorded and videotaped. The tapes are available in the Selectmen's office. The meetings are available for viewing online via the Town's website.

Ms. Daniel called the meeting to order at: 7:30pm

1- Pledge of Allegiance: led by Fran Goldstein

2.- Discussion/decision to accept the resignation of Harriette Heller from the Library Board, effective January 27, 2016. Mr. Tracey moved to accept the resignation of Harriette Heller from the Library Board, effective immediately. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion/decision to appoint Amy Jansen to the Library Board to fill the vacancy left by Harriette Heller for a term to end December 31, 2019. Mr. Spaulding moved to appoint Amy Jansen to the Library Board to fill the vacancy left by Harriette Heller for a term to end December 31, 2019. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion/decision to accept Weston Little Leagues' gift of a snack concession stand, valued at \$8500, for the Town of Weston's Bisceglie-Scribner Park ball field. Stephen Polizzi, Weston Little League President. Mr. Tracey moved to accept a gift for the Town of Weston from the Weston Little League in the amount of \$8500 to be used to purchase a new (replacement) snack concession stand at the Bisceglie-Scribner Park ball fields. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion/ regarding the Operation Budget and 2016-17 plans presented by the Lachat Town Farm Commission – Ellen McCormick and Carole Baldwin The Budget was reviewed as well as their ideas for classes for 2016.

5. Discussion/decision to authorize the First Selectman to enter into an agreement to engage an architectural firm to prepare a cost estimate of renovations/repairs necessary to utilize the building at 48 Norfield Road for municipal purposes: Building Committee representatives. Building Committee Chairman Allen Swerdlowe read a statement. (see attached) Discussion followed regarding the role of the Building Committee in past Town projects where the Building Committee typically interviews consultants and then makes recommendations. Mr. Tracey said he would welcome their advice and Ms. Daniel asked that they interview Phil Cerrone and one other architect (Gisolfi). The Building Committee will then

make a recommendation to the BOS.

6. **Discussion/decision regarding an 8-24 application for the property at 48 Norfield Road.** This item will be postponed to a future BOS Meeting.

7. **Discussion/decision regarding an 8-24 application for the expansion of the Police Department.** This item will be postponed to a future BOS Meeting.

9. **Discussion/decision regarding acquiring independent legal counsel to review the application for the creation of an Active Adult Community District - Tom Failla, Planning & Zoning Commission.** Mr. Failla recommended Mike Zizka of Murtha Culina. Mr. Tracey made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to engage Michael Zizka of Murtha Culina to provide advice to the Planning & Zoning Commission on the application for creation of an Active Adult Community District, subject to agreement on appropriate engagement letter and resolution of any potential conflicts of interest. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Discussion/decision regarding the Heroin/Opioid Epidemic – Michelle Albright, Youth Director.** Ms. Albright presented a handout that covers many important facts. The Heroin epidemic targets older people, 20-29 and 45-60. Heroin addiction comes after addiction to other drugs at a younger school age – such as opioids - frequently prescribed for sports injuries. Ms. Albright's goal is to teach students and parents together. She would also like to work on integrating this program into the high school curriculum.

11. **Property Tax Refunds:**

Debranne Cingari	1297.4
Daimler Trust	421.45
Daimler Trust	515.28
Phillip Hein	220.97
Paul Scheufele	70.24
Andrea & Mark Davis	8051.97
TOTAL:	10577.31

Mr. Tracey moved to approve the Property Tax Refunds as listed on the March 10, 2016 Board of Selectman agenda for a total amount of \$10,577.31. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

12. **First Selectman's Updates:**

- Weston High School won the Mock Trial Debates and they are going to the National Competition.
- Weston Middle School came in 2nd in the Mock Trial Debates.

13. **Adjourned:** 9:45pm

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14. *Mr. Tracey made a motion to re-open the meeting. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Ms. Daniel made a motion to add to the agenda a discussion/decision on engaging NESC for a candidate search for the position of Town Administrator. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Mr. Spaulding made a motion to engage NESC for a candidate search for the position of Town Administrator with a limited retainer not to exceed \$5,000. Mr. Tracey seconded. Mr. Tracey made a motion to amend the previous motion adding that because the full contract cost exceeds \$5,000, the expenditure is forwarded to the Board of Finance. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion as amended carried unanimously.

18. Meeting Adjourned: 9:50pm

**Respectfully Submitted,
Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant**

Minutes Approved: April 4, 2016